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Tech. Sgt. Todd Madden, 39th Operations Squadron air traffic controller, monitors incoming aircraft. The U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Traffic System Evaluation Program team evaluated the quality of service and support provided to air traffic system users last week. See related story, Page 5.

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Students practice their Combat Hapkido techniques during class Monday. Combat Hapkido, also known as the science of self-defense, combines self-defense moves such as strikes, kicks, locks and disarming techniques. See related story, Page 7.

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# Be SMART

## *Think safety while enjoying spring activities*

By Tech. Sgt. Bob Purtiman

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** –The coming of spring is right around the corner. Soon families will take to the roads of Europe to enjoy spring break and, unfortunately, some may not make it back.

According to U.S. Air Forces in Europe safety officials, spring break is traditionally a period of increased risk. The safety office is working to get the word out so everyone makes it home from their hard-earned vacations.

Enter Project Smart.

Short for smartly managing awareness, risk and threats, the program objective is to promote safety with a focus on personal risk management.

“With spring break on the horizon, many families will be planning vacations or extended weekend excursions,” said Gen. Robert Foglesong, USAFE commander. “It’s really important that they all come back safely – every active-duty and civilian member and their families are part of our USAFE team.”

Before members depart on their spring break adventures, commanders should meet with their troops and emphasize the use of risk management in all activities, especially since motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death and lost duty time, the general added.

During the last four years, eight USAFE members have lost their lives in preventable vehicle mishaps. An additional 150 were injured in preventable mishaps while engaged in on- and off-duty activities.

“Preventable injuries undermine our mission readiness,” said Gen-



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III

Staff Sgt. David Whaley, 728th Air Mobility Squadron aerospace propulsion specialist, adjusts the carburetor on his bike. The April Project SMART theme is “Ride SMART,” which targets motorcycle riders. It’s a reminder that motorcyclists must always wear proper and mandatory gear.

eral Foglesong. “More importantly, they take a toll on loved ones, friends and coworkers of members involved. As commanders and supervisors, the responsibility is squarely on our shoulders to do all we can to reduce mishaps.”

The April Project SMART theme is “Ride SMART” – targeted for motorcycle riders; however, the messages apply to everyone.

“No one is immune to vehicle mishaps, regardless of the number of wheels under them,” said Col. Scott Adams, USAFE safety director. “Driving is an activity where you can be doing everything right and still be involved in a mishap.”

According to Colonel Adams, commanders and supervisors must remind vehicle operators of two essentials:

- ♦ Don’t increase the risk by driving while fatigued or going too fast for conditions.

- ♦ Motorcyclists must always wear the right gear.

“Supervisors should ensure each member has a smart vacation plan and review it with them,” the colonel said. “People should perform a vehicle inspection before they depart using the checklist on the safety directorate Web site under Ground Safety POV inspection checklist at <https://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/direct/se/SEG/Doc16.doc>. If your subordinate’s vehicle is high risk or the member is young or inexperienced, help them through the inspection.”

The bottom line for the command is to have everyone safely home after the break.

“We need every member to return safely after enjoying spring break, ready to meet the needs of our nation,” said General Foglesong. “Be smart about how you take on your spring break activities, and enjoy the spring season.”

### Motorcycle Safety Foundation course schedule through June

- ♦ May 25 through March 26 — beginner rider course from 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm.
- ♦ June 9 — experienced rider course from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ♦ June 22 — experienced rider course from 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm.

People are required to take the training if it has been more than three years since they have last taken the course. Incirlik has only one instructor, so no more than six students are allowed in a class. The experience rider course is one day, and the beginner rider course is two days. For more information or to reserve a class seat, e-mail Tech. Sgt. Sydney Parker, 39th Air Base Wing ground safety technician, at [sydney.parker@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:sydney.parker@incirlik.af.mil), or call him at 6-7233.

# Incirlik Proud ... and it shows

## Combat Proud efforts leave lasting effects on base

By Capt. Michael Miller  
39th Civil Engineer Squadron

Over the past three months, everyone's efforts to improve the appearance of Incirlik have left lasting effects seen all around base.

A combined effort among units, base details, civil engineers, private organizations, contractors and Turkish nationals brought many key facilities in line with the Combat Proud vision of Gen. Robert Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander.

"The base stepped up to the Combat Proud challenge over the last three months and set the stage for the future," said Col. Robert Suminsby, 39th Air Base Wing vice commander. "Your efforts made lasting improvements to the appearance of Incirlik, and everyone involved should take pride in that fact."

The combined efforts made significant improvements to 11 of 22 commander-identified "hit list" areas such as the 39th Air Base Wing headquarters building, A Street maintenance facilities and the Intrusion Detection Maintenance Facility. The team painted more than 32 facilities, 300 traffic signs, 200 hydrants, 100 transformers and utility boxes, and 300 bollards, metal posts used to reinforce antiterrorism and force protection measures.

The maintenance, logistics readiness, security forces and civil engineer squadrons also moved 111 of 178 "conexes," metal storage containers that sprung up nearly everywhere during Operation Northern Watch.

Many of those conexes contained outdated equipment that hadn't been used in years. Some will be replaced with permanent storage sheds to meet legitimate needs.

So far, Incirlik has conducted three Incirlik Proud Days, when units took ownership of assigned sectors covering every inch of the base.

"Mission support, maintenance and communications squadrons were Combat Proud quarterly award winners for their roles in the past three months," said Colonel Suminsby. "Both the 16th Air Force and USAFE commanders praised the way Incirlik has dramatically improved."

As the base moves into the spring months, efforts will continue to focus on the five Combat Proud program pillars: leadership, ownership,



Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Miranda

Staff Sgt. Reginald Prince, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in charge of outbound personnel property, takes out garbage as part of his everyday efforts to help contribute to Combat Proud. Open dumpster lids can lead to litter problems on base.

education, planning and execution. The focus will shift to areas west and north of the flightline to bring those facilities up to the same standards as the rest of the base.

Unit self-help initiatives and base detail teams will continue to be the driving force behind the program. With \$304,000 project funding by the USAFE commander, contractors will combine efforts with base Airmen to help with facility painting, and screening of dumpsters and heating, ventilation and air conditioning units. They will also eliminate old telephone poles by moving communication cables underground.

"I look forward to your continued support to sustain improvements you have made so far, and I ask you to seek further ways to improve your facilities and the surrounding work and living environments," said Colonel Suminsby. "The program succeeds when all play a part, whether you are helping out with a painting detail, or simply putting a gum wrapper in the trash where it belongs, you're a vital part of this team effort."

### Books for Bagram

Selda Shaffer, home maker, drops off a magazine for troops in Iraq as part of the Books for Bagram program. Chief Master Sgt. Carol Toohey, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron chief enlisted adviser, started the "Books for Bagram" initiative after receiving word from Air Force folks at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, asking for reading material. The Incirlik Top III Association is collecting new and used books and magazines at the entrance to the main exchange. So far, people here have donated more than 500 pounds of books.



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III





Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Staff Sgt. Dustin Rogstad, 39th Operations Squadron air traffic controller, mans the aircraft counter. Incirlik airfield operations earned an overall “satisfactory” on the Air Traffic System Evaluation Program last week.

## Base airfield ops complete tough eval

By 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson  
39th Maintenance Group

Incirlik airfield operations proved they were up to standards last week, earning an overall “satisfactory” on the Air Traffic System Evaluation Program.

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe ATSEP team, which inspects units every 24 months, evaluated the quality of service and support provided to air traffic system users and compliance with standards.

During the ATSEP, all units that contribute to airfield operations were put under the microscope. That included weather, civil engineering, air traffic control and landing systems, communications, and airfield management components.

“We worked very hard to prepare for the evaluation and feel we did exceptionally well,” said Airman 1st Class Anthony Swaim, 39th Operations Squadron airfield management representative.

The two-fold evaluation consisted of both system and compliance evaluations. During the systems portion, evaluators looked at air traffic system elements for safety, compatibility and adequacy. Evaluators observed airfield operations, interviewed key personnel, reviewed local airfield procedures and documentation, and evaluated support functions. The

compliance portion of the evaluation focused on checklist items.

Preparation played a big part in the success of the evaluation, said Capt. Tammy Abbett, 39th Operations Squadron airfield operations flight commander.

“We ran specific checklists to prepare for the compliance portion, as well as reviewed applicable Air Force instruction and command guidance,” she said. “We also examined the tools we have to do our job to ensure they’re sound and effective.”

Senior Airman Aaron Fones, 39th Operations Squadron air traffic controller, said preparation is an everyday occurrence.

“In our jobs, we have to maintain 100 percent compliance with standards; there is no room for a margin of error. We prepare for inspections every day by consistently using proper procedures and conducting proficiency meetings,” he said.

The continual efforts paid off — of 897 checklist items, only 7 percent were found deficient during the week-long evaluation, an achievement Capt. Abbett attributes to her troops’ hard work.

“I’m proud of the extra time everyone has put in to make this evaluation a success,” she said. “Our career field demands an attention to detail and standard of excellence than can be difficult to maintain, but our units keep it up.”



IN  
BRIEF

### USAFE offers \$3K grand prize, CONUS tickets in command-wide membership drive

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services is boosting membership at officer and enlisted clubs by sponsoring a command-wide club membership drive April 15 through June 1.

Focused on ensuring younger Airmen are included, reduced fees and services discounts are just two benefits they can enjoy by joining the club.

For 75 cents a week, Airmen in the ranks of airman basic through senior airman can join the club, receive valuable “Members First” discounts and get an invitation to a “Members Only Main Event” during the drive. All club members, E-4 and below, will also see their dues reduced to \$3 per month.

The club is also entering all new and current club members into various local and USAFE-level prize contests.

USAFE Services is giving one club member a chance to win a \$3,000 prize package that includes two VIP gold tickets to the German Grand Prix Formula 1 Race in Hockenheim, Germany, July 23 to July 25.

A second member will win two round-trip tickets to anywhere in the continental United States. For more information, call the club at 6-6010.

### AF Times Airman of the year

The fourth annual Air Force Times AT&T “Airman of the Year” award nominations are due Wednesday. The award recognized the Airman who best embodies the finest qualities of the men and women serving in today’s Air Force. Nominations can be made online at [www.airforcetimes.com/airman](http://www.airforcetimes.com/airman), e-mailed to [airman@airforcetimes.com](mailto:airman@airforcetimes.com), faxed to (703) 642-7325 or mailed to Air Force Times “Airman of the Year” Award, Air Force Times, 6883 Commercial Drive, Springfield, Va., 22159.

### Immunizations clinic

The immunization clinic hours are Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 to 11:45 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., except the first and third Thursdays of the month when the clinic closes at 10 a.m. for allergy skin testing and training. There are no tuberculosis tests done Thursdays.

# FCC program seeks providers

## *Director hopes to 'breathe new life into program'*

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

At a base devoid of 24-hour convenience stores and one-stop mega store shopping, Vicky Haskins hopes to introduce something rare to Incirlik – options.

Ms. Haskins, affectionately known to parents and children as Miss Vicky, is re-igniting Incirlik's defunct Family Child Care program, which took a nosedive after last year's voluntary dependent relocation.

"Our providers either chose not to return or not to re-open their homes," said Ms. Haskins, FCC program director. "I'm hoping to breathe new life into the program."

FCC is a home-day care system that falls under the child development center umbrella. Providers open up their homes to children of all ages, converting living rooms and offices into mini day-care centers.

The program currently has one provider on the verge of being licensed, but needs several more.

"The FCC is critical in a place like Incirlik," Ms. Haskins said. "At most bases, if the CDC is full, we could give referrals for the local economy. That doesn't exist here, but people still have to find alternatives."

That's why Ms. Haskins is spreading the word about the FCC program. Her goal is to accrue 20 providers that can offer childcare to people who were placed on a waiting list by the overtaxed CDC, but would still like the security of an accredited center.

"I've done home day care prior to this base, and I think it's a great option for people," said Alice Vigilante, CDC room lead. Ms. Vigilante's 4-year-old son, Jacob, has been on the FCC waiting list for more than a month.

"I really hope a slot opens soon," she said. "Home day care offers one-on-one care in a safe, structured environment that has organized activities, lesson plans and good nutrition."

Ms. Haskins is seeking military spouses, both male and female, who can read, write and speak English, and, above all, like children.

"It's a great job opportunity," Ms. Haskins said. "People can become entrepreneurs, setting their own prices, contract terms, hours and even the amount and ages of children they care for."

"It's also a wonderful opportunity for spouses to raise their kids while helping military members with theirs," she continued.

Providers have access to a lending library, stocked with everything from learning toys and books, to shelving units and high chairs.

"We don't leave people hanging in the wind once they're licensed," Ms. Haskins said.

"We provide constant guidance and support."

Ms. Haskins also stops by homes frequently, not so much to "catch people doing something wrong, but to ensure things are being done right," she said.

"It's essential for base people to have confidence in their children's care. They have to be able to go to work and do what they need to do."

To ensure that confidence, the FCC program is monitored as closely as the CDC. Providers first must be approved through a family childcare panel, and then are trained to deal with circumstances that run the gamut of a childhood cold to a full-blown temper tantrum. They are also required, by regulation, to adhere to strict rules and guidelines that cover everything from health-care administration to positive guidance.

"We want to make sure children are getting what they need and deserve," Ms. Haskins said. "There are so many choices (for childcare) in the states. I want to find a way to offer people some options here."

For more information or to apply to become an FCC provider, call Ms. Haskins at 6-6553 or 6-5098.



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III

Vicky Haskins, Family Child Care Program director, helps Kim Adams, FCC applicant, sort through the lending library, which is stocked with everything from learning toys and books, to shelving units and high chairs. The program is a home-day care system managed by the child development center. "It's also a wonderful opportunity for spouses to raise their kids while helping military members with theirs," said Ms. Haskins.



Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Miranda

Combat Hapkido instructor Tech. Sgt. John Sipe (*Left*), 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron plans and programs NCO in charge and 20-year veteran of the martial arts, shows Airman 1st Class Alan Wasson, 39th Maintenance Squadron storage crewmember, how to perform controlling lock moves during a Combat Hapkido class Monday. Combat Hapkido is known for its realistic approach to self-defense.

## *Not just for kicks* — Combat Hapkido helps teach realistic self-defense techniques

**By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles**  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Martial artists like Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan fought their way to the top, kicking off a martial arts craze that made karate and taekwon-do classes as common as round-house kicks in a kung fu movie.

Although experts make it look like child's play, for most people, the idea of swinging a set of nunchucks or wielding a razor-edged sword in self-defense isn't just unrealistic, it's impractical.

"If you're in a situation where you need to defend yourself, chances are you're not going to have a nunchuck handy," said Tech. Sgt. John Sipe, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron plans and programs NCO in charge and 20-year veteran of the martial arts. "That's why it's important to learn realistic self-defense methods."

Sergeant Sipe, a second-degree black belt, teaches three days a week at the fitness center. His system of choice is Combat Hapkido, also known as the science of self-defense, which combines self-defense moves such as strikes, kicks, locks and disarming techniques. For variety and effectiveness, Sergeant Sipe throws other influences in the mix, including jeet kune do, the system Bruce Lee created and made popular.

"I teach people a wide range of self-defense moves they can use in real situations," Sergeant Sipe said. "My students learn how to use a stick or knife to fight. With this knowledge, you can even rip off your car antenna and successfully defend yourself."

Staff Sgt. Michael Watson, 39th Maintenance Squadron munitions storage plans and dispatch specialist and Combat Hapkido student, has been practicing martial arts for more than 15 years.

"It's a great system that takes practical measures for self-defense and applies it to the streets," he said.

Since Sergeant Sipe's an internationally certified instructor, a belt gained at Incirlik will be recognized worldwide.

"The great thing about this system is, if you train and learn the techniques, you can realistically earn your black belt within a year," he said. "But, more importantly, people can learn self-defense methods that won't make you invincible, but can give you confidence and an edge if you're attacked."

Sergeant Sipe's class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:45 to 9 p.m., and Fridays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the fitness center's aerobics room. Cost is \$25 per month. For more information, call Sergeant Sipe at 6-8447, or the fitness center at 6-3630.



ON  
DECK

**Volleyball** — The men's and women's base volleyball teams are practicing for the upcoming volleyball season. Anyone interested in playing on the teams can go to practices Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 until 8 p.m., or call Senior Master Sgt. Don Dufner, manpower and organization chief, at 6-3690.

**Coaches needed** — The youth center needs volunteers to coach youth baseball. The season runs April 17 to June 12. To volunteer, stop by the youth center and pick up a volunteer packet. For more information, call Bo Benton, 39th Services Squadron recreation specialist, at 6-6670.

**Bowling leagues** — The Magic Carpet Bowling Center sponsors intramural league bowling Mondays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 6-6789.

**Rugby** — Rugby enthusiasts meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 5 p.m. at the high school sports field. Everyone is welcome. Instruction is provided for beginners. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

**Skeet and trap shooting** — Outdoor recreation offers skeet and trap shooting Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment. Open shooting begins Saturdays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10, and includes shells and clays. For more information, call 6-6044.

**Rhythmic gymnastics** — Rhythmic gymnastics are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. For more information, call the youth center at 6-6670.

**Scuba course** — Outdoor recreation offers a scuba course, which includes training and Professional Association of Diving Instructors certification. Water training is provided in an indoor pool, plus four open water dives in Kizkalesi. Classes are ongoing. Cost is \$250. For more information, call Yasar Karalar, scuba instructor, at 6-6044 or e-mail incirlikdiving@yahoo.com.



# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander

It's been a whirlwind couple of weeks, and we continue to have ample opportunity to show off what we do here at Incirlik. This week, Lt. Gen. Dick Reynolds, Air Force Materiel Command vice commander, visited with us and expressed his great admiration for the great attitudes and performance that he saw here on the "USAFE frontier." I share his enthusiasm!

## Commander's call

I had the opportunity to speak to many of you at last week's commander's calls. There were several important questions asked at each call, and I thank you for your input. I will be printing some of the questions and answers from my commander's calls in the *Tip of the Sword* for the benefit of everyone. Your continued involvement in future commander's calls is extremely important. It's your time to ask me about anything that might be weighing on your mind – don't be bashful. I'm proud to serve along side of each and every one of you, and I want to hear your views.

## Customer College program

The objective of the Customer College program is to deliver the training, resources, tools and initial skills required for customer service professionals to provide comprehensive care that exceeds customer expectations. My thanks to all those involved in the program. Let's all work to kick customer service up a notch or two.

Congratulations to the following distinguished graduates of the Customer College program: **Tom Evans**, 39th Medical Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Tracy Washington**, 39th MDS; **Senior Airman Tamika Baucom**, 39th Communications Squadron; **Clarence Bradley**, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron; and **Ali Yoksuloglu**, 39th Mission Support Squadron.

## Action line: Caller concerned about over-sized vehicle parking

**Concern:** Is there anything that can be done about parking over-sized government vehicles in roadside parking spots? I know there are duty-related circumstances that require them to park there at times, but it is a big safety hazard. If there is a bread van or a six pack parked in one of the slots, you cannot see on-coming traffic.

I feel this is a major problem during lunch and dinnertime at the dining facility when traffic is at its peak. It's an accident waiting to happen.

**Response:** Thank you for addressing this safety concern. Currently, our base's Traffic Safety Instruction, *Incirlik Air Base Instruction 31-204*, states that oversized government

vehicles and vehicles larger than a single cab truck are not authorized to park on either side of the road from the child development center to the corner of D and 5th streets. Security Forces will ticket violators. Safety office personnel are briefing TDY and newcomers about the rule.

Through communication and enforcement of the rules, we should see an end to oversized vehicles parked in this area. Safety remains a top priority.

Through programs like Project SMART, we are putting the emphasis on risk management and safety of our people throughout the command. Again, thank you for alerting our vehicle operators and helping to make our base the safest in U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

## Hidden Heroes

**Diane Norman**, 39th MSS, was recognized as an Incirlik "Hidden Hero" for her work with the Red Cross and the Heart Link Program. She was presented with a Hidden Heroes coin and certificate to mark the occasion. If you would like to recognize someone as a Hidden Hero, contact the family support center at 6-6755.

## Sexual Assault Response/Resource Team

One of my main concerns as the commander is to provide a safe environment for our community. I take all allegations regarding sexual assault very seriously: it's a crime, and it will be handled accordingly. Further, I will not tolerate any kind of retaliation against victims who report such crimes.

The Sexual Assault Response/Resource Team seeks to efficiently meet the medical and emotional needs of sexual assault victims and to provide education and prevention efforts aimed at ending sexual assault. The team can be activated by calling security forces at 6-3200, dialing 911 or calling the hospital at 6-6666.

## New uniforms

An Airman from Incirlik was chosen to wear the new Air Force test utility uniform. An upcoming issue of the *Tip of the Sword* will ask him several questions about the new uniform. Submit any questions you may have for to: [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil).

## AF Portal

If you do not have an Air Force Portal account, it's a mandatory requirement – sign up now! To register, go to <https://www.my.af.mil> and click on the self-registration link, or call Master Sgt. Cynthia Clarke, 39th Communications Squadron systems engineering chief, at 6-8342. Air Force Portal will eventually provide AF members with "one-stop" shopping for on-line activities, eliminating the need for multiple passwords.

## Force protection

It's important to get out and get involved in as much of the Turkish culture as you can while you're here, but remember to keep force protection in mind at all times. When traveling this weekend, know that how you dress can make you an easy target.

Report any suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200.

As I settle in here, I look forward to meeting many more of you and taking advantage of everything Incirlik has to offer. Remember, don't count the days; make the days count!

The action line program provides an avenue for the Incirlik community to voice their concerns, complaints and opinions to Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander.

The program should only be used after you've tried resolving the issue through your chain of command.

People can submit an action line by e-mailing [action.line@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:action.line@incirlik.af.mil) or calling the 39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office at 6-6060. Complaints will be edited to 300 words or less.

Questions and responses may be printed in the *Tip of the Sword*.





## Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

### Seeing red

**Question:** Why do you sometimes see cars with red scarves tied to their rearview mirrors?

**Response:** Red is the color of happiness for Turkish people. They express their happiness and joy with red-colored items.

The red scarves tied to side-view mirrors of cars are signs of a happy event. In fact, you might have seen a convoy of cars with red ribbons.

That is part of a wedding. Traditionally, the groom's family travels in several cars to the bride's family's house to pick up the bride. The bride's mother gives a scarf, mainly red, to every car that comes to pick up the bride. Those scarves are tied to the side-view mirrors by the driver's side. You might see the scarves in various colors as well.

The convoy tours the city before going to the groom's house or the wedding reception.

## In Turkish

**kirmizi - red**  
(kehr-meh-zeh)

**yesil - green**  
(yea-shill)

**beyaz - white**  
(beh-yahz)

**siyah - black**  
(see-yah)

**kan - blood**  
(kahn)

*Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.*



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Meltem Barbaros, 39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs, ties a red scarf to the sideview mirror of her friend's car. Turkish people tie red scarves to their cars as a sign of a happy event. They also express their happiness and joy with red-colored items.

The cars in the convoy put their hazard lights on and blow their horns. They normally stop at a photo studio and take pictures of the bride and groom.

Speaking of red scarves and weddings, let me tell you another tradition about red ribbons. A red ribbon is tied around the bride's belly by her brother. That is the sign of virginity. The ribbon is tied by her eldest brother. If the bride has more than one brother, each brother might tie a ribbon in a different color, such as pink, orange, blue and green.

If she doesn't have a brother, a cousin or man from her family ties the ribbon. While tying a ribbon, a gift should be given to the bride. That gift is mostly gold, either a bracelet, necklace or piece of gold pinned to the dress of the bride.

### Providing protection

**Question:** A Turkish co-worker purchased a brand new car this month. He drove his new car to work to show it to his co-workers. I was horrified when I saw some bloodstains at the front of the hood thinking that he was involved in a traffic accident.

**They tried to explain to me but I couldn't understand what it was. Could you tell us about that please?**

Those blood stains are from the blood of the sheep your friend sacrificed for his newly purchased car. When you buy a car, you sacrifice a sheep to please the God and protect you and the car from accidents and evil eyes. The blood of the sacrificial sheep is smeared on the hood and tires of the car.

Killing a sheep is common tradition when you buy a new house, start a new business, have a new child, get married, when your wishes come true or for any happy event.

Poor families and people, who cannot afford to buy a sheep, sacrifice a rooster instead for the same reasons.

### Police or Jandarma?

**Question:** What is the difference between the traffic police, Turkish National Police and the Jandarma?

**Response:** All three organizations are in place to enforce the law.

The traffic police control traffic in cities and on highways. They're also in charge of keeping records of vehicles in Turkey. Traffic police officers register and de-register vehicles.

The Turkish National Police are in charge of security and law enforcement in cities. They have various departments, such as narcotics and homicide. As a matter of fact, the traffic police fall under the Turkish National Police.

The Jandarma is one of the four service branches of the Turkish Armed Forces. The other are army, air force and navy. The Jandarma provides security and law enforcement in rural areas, as well as protecting borders and preventing smuggling.

### Dolmus rides

**Question:** Mehmet, I ride a dolmus from time to time when I go to Adana. The other day, I handed the driver some change, and he refused to accept it. He asked for paper money. Why aren't American coins accepted?

**Response:** The dolmus drivers can take bank notes and exchange them at any bank, but banks do not exchange coins of any currency. Therefore, drivers and merchants do not accept American coins.

# THE INCIRLIK GUIDE



## Today

**Youth talent meeting** — A meeting for parents and contestants of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Talent Show is in the youth center at 5 p.m. Discussion topics include individual and group acts and completing required registration forms. Attendees are requested to bring a copy of material on disc. For more information, call the youth center at 6-6670, 6-3246 or 6-3263.

**APHA potluck** — The Asian Pacific Heritage Association hosts their monthly membership potluck from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Incirlik Elementary School in the multi-purpose room. For more information, call Capt. Raul Viray, 39th Medical Squadron Information Management Flight officer in charge, at 6-8794

## Saturday

**Motorcycle expo** — The base exchange hosts a motorcycle exposition in front of the main store from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone who wants to show off their motorcycle is welcome. Harleys, BMWs, Kawasaki's and customs will be available for viewing. For more information, call Jay Rhea, base exchange second manager, at 6-6937.

## Monday

**Free Turkish classes** — Turkish language and cultural classes start today and are offered Mondays and Wednesdays through April 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the family support center. Classes are free, but class size is limited. For more information or to sign up, call the FSC at 6-6755.

## Tuesday

**Thrift shop** — The Incirlik Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays from

5 to 8 p.m. and the first Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The thrift shop is at the corner of 5th Street and B Avenue. Donations are accepted. For more information, call Angela Williams at 6-2136 or Cathy Collins at 6-2152. Both are thrift store volunteers.

## Wednesday

**Jenny Boyle Band** — The club hosts the Jenny Boyle Band at 9 p.m. in the enlisted lounge. The event is free. For more information, call the club at 6-6010.

## Upcoming

**CGOC scholarship available** — The Company Grade Officer Club is accepting scholarship applications through May 21. High school seniors at Incirlik are eligible. For more information, visit James Bottlinger, Incirlik High School counselor, or contact 2nd Lt. Barbara Horne, CGOC youth scholarship fund president, at 6-6608 or via e-mail at barbara.horne@incirlik.af.mil.

**AAHC scholarship opportunity** — The Incirlik African American Heritage Council will award three \$1,000 scholarships to Incirlik High School seniors' winning essays. Submissions must be between 500 and 1,000 words, 12 pitch and double-spaced. The topic is "How a Scholarship will further my education." Essays are due to Sandra Daniels, high school principal, no later than April 15. For more information, call Master Sgt. Leroy Weston, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron Management and Systems Flight superintendent, at 6-8884.

**PTO meeting** — The Incirlik Elementary School Parent Teachers Organization will meet April 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the elementary school media center. For more information, call 6-3109.

**School Advisory Committee** — The Incirlik Elementary School Advisory Committee meets April 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the elemen-

tary school media center. For more information, call 6-3109.

## Ongoing

**Incirlik stray animal facility** — To adopt a pet or volunteer, consider the Incirlik stray animal facility. The facility is located in Building 6048, near the old tent city area, and is open Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Caroline Wood, stray animal facility volunteer, at 6-6072.

**Aero evacuated patients, non-medical attendants** — Patients

and their non-medical attendants must complete a travel voucher immediately upon return from receiving medical care. For more information, call Senior Airman Trenesia Hurkes, 39th Medical Squadron aeromedical evacuations clerk, at 6-8786.

**TRICARE claims** — People who accrued bills at their safehaven, need to pick up a claims form at the TRICARE office. For more information, call Meziyet Demir, 39th Medical Squadron health benefits adviser, at 6-6628.



## Sunday

**Sunday nights at the chapel** — Combat Touch sponsors a dinner in the annex at 5 p.m. and a contemporary worship service at 6 p.m. The nursery and children's church are both available. For more information, call the chapel at 6-6441.

**Financial Sunday School** — Combat Touch sponsors a new Protestant Sunday School class that starts today. Classes meet in the chapel from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. and focus on exploring finances and financial management from a biblical perspective. For more information, call Sueann Herkel, chapel events coordinator, at 6-6441.

## Tuesday

**PWOC Spring Bible studies** — Combat Touch hosts Protestant Women of the Chapel Spring Bible studies Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. For more information, call Monica Matthews, PWOC president, at 6-2298.

## Wednesday

**Adult Bible study** — Combat Touch sponsors Bible study for adults at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel annex. The book of Revelations is currently being studied. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Rick Harvey, 39th Air Base Wing chaplain, at 6-6441 or Rich Sironen, Bible study coordinator, at 6-3190.

## Upcoming

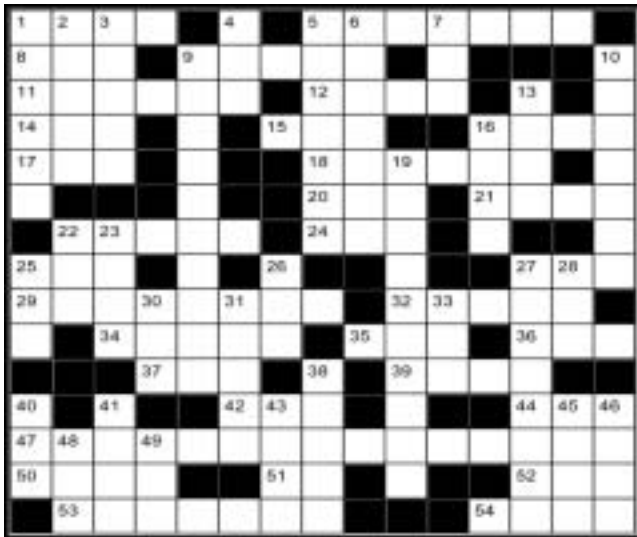
**National Volunteer Week** — Volunteers are needed to plan events and activities for National Volunteer Week April 18 through 24. For more information or to volunteer, call Christina Politte, 39th Mission Support Squadron family life specialist, at 6-6755.

## Ongoing

**Combat CARE car care** — The Incirlik Family Support Center gives away vouchers for free minor car maintenance to family members of deployed servicemembers. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.



## Hometown U.S. Air Force



By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

### ACROSS

1. Train need
5. Washington AFB home to 62nd AW
8. Former California Army fort
9. Oklahoma AFB home to 71st FTW; a/c tail marking of VN
11. Romantic song
12. Adhesive
14. Winter danger
15. Owed
16. Apartment
17. Homer's neighbor on *The Simpsons*

18. Shah of Persia (1487-1524); Safavid founder
20. Military comm. person in the field (abbrev.)
21. Truck
22. Easter animal?
24. Snake-like fish
25. 007 writer Fleming
27. LPGA Se Ri \_\_\_\_\_
29. Missouri AFB home to 509th BW; a/c tail marking of WM
32. Drainage pipe
34. Weary
35. Duo
36. Military org. concerned with household goods
37. \_\_\_\_\_ Khan; hereditary spiritual head of Isma'ili Muslims

39. Story opener
42. Snare
44. Cell acid similar to DNA
47. Ohio AFB home to ASC
50. Mining vein
51. NBC television show
52. Lyrical poem
53. Mississippi AFB home to 403rd WG; a/c tail marking of KT
54. Was aware of

### DOWN

1. Georgia AFB home to 116th ACW; a/c tail marking of GA
2. Scavenger hunt (two words)
3. Rested
4. Angry
5. New Jersey AFB home to 108th ARW; a/c tail marking of NJ
6. Sky-blue color
7. Shade
9. California AFB home to 30th SW; a/c tail markings of HV
10. Florida AFB home to 920th RG; a/c tail marking of FL
13. Woman's magazine
16. Clenched hand
19. England AB home to 423rd ABS
22. Military allowance (abbrev.)
23. Item
25. WWII site for 27 Medal of Honor recipients: \_\_\_\_\_ Jima
26. Father
27. Colorado AFB home to 302nd AW; a/c tail marking of CR
28. Appendix
30. Actress Carrere of *Wayne's World*
31. Intended
33. Period of time
38. Whitewater independent counsel
40. Pointed tool
41. Current
43. Fencing sword
45. Stem knob
46. Again
48. South Korea informally
49. Expletive denoting surprise

## YOUR TURN

To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)

### April is Alcohol Awareness Month. What advice would you give someone about to drink and drive?

"I would tell them it's not a good idea. You could die and upset your whole family. Plus, you could kill someone else."



— **Army Sgt. Raymond Winters, Bandit Troop 1/3 Armed Cavalry regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.**

"I would tell them to take a taxi. It's the cheapest way to get home safely versus driving and getting caught. It's also the cheapest way out with no hassle, loss of stripes or penalties."



— **Staff Sgt. Charles Griffin, 39th Maintenance Squadron**

"I would tell them drinking under the influence has far-reaching effects. A taxi fee is a lot less hurtful to your career and pocket."



— **Master Sgt. Steven Patron, 39th Medical Squadron**

"I would tell them 'don't drink and drive, because you can kill someone, especially innocent children.'"



— **Robin Skelton, 39th Services Squadron**

"I would tell them it's a bad idea. I have lots of friends with a DUI (driving under the influence conviction), and they lost rank and pay. I would tell them I would be their designated driver and encourage others to volunteer as well."



— **Airman 1st Class Richard Balolong, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany**

For more information about combating alcohol abuse, call the life skills alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment program office at 6-6452.



## CLASSIFIEDS

**Free to good home:** Talker, a domestic short-hair cat, is free to a good home. Talker requires shots and AVID, an American Veterinarian Identification Device, for adoption. For more information visit the stray animal facility in Building 6048, near the old tent city area Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. or call, Staff Sgt. Caroline Wood, stray animal facility volunteer, at 6-6072.

**For sale:** Six-piece entertainment center, made at Redwoods, less than eight months ago, \$1,500 OBO. Call Dave at 6-2372.

**For sale:** IKEA-style entertainment center; 6' tall, 7' wide; glass display tower; cupboard tower with two adjustable shelves and two deep drawers. \$75 OBO. Call Cindy at 6-2458.

**Child-care providers require approval:** Family child-care providers must be approved by the Family Child Care Panel to be authorized to provide childcare in on-base housing. For more information or to become a licensed family child-care provider, call Vicky Haskins, FCC program director, at 6-5098.

**Instructors needed:** instructors are needed to teach Conversational Turkish, Conversational En-

glish, Spanish, guitar lessons and Turkish cooking at the community center. For more information, call Nerissa Atkinson, community center program specialist, at 6-6966.

**Life guards needed:** Full-time and part-time life guards are needed for the summer season at the on-base pool. Turkish and U.S. applicants welcome. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 6-6044.

**Job vacancies:** Non-appropriated funds has vacancies for a school age program assistant at the youth center, a recreation assistant at the youth center, a waiter at the club, a child development assistant at the child development center and a sales clerk at the community center. For more information, visit the NAF Human Resources Office in Building 833 or call 6-3524.

**Job announcements:** Starting Monday, civilian personnel will open vacancy announcements any day of the week.



Combat Touch is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe initiative created to help infuse enthusiasm in our community members to passionately pursue matters of the spirit through active participation in various relevant programs. The chapel is helping the Incirlik community accomplish this by making several programs, services and resources available. For more information, call the chapel at 6-6441.

## Where the rubber meets the road ...



Photo by Airman 1st Class Dallas Edwards

Esef Karakilcuk, auto skills center auto mechanic, removes a spark plug for inspection and cleaning.

Incirlik's Combat Care program helps families where the rubber meets the road. As part of Combat Care, a U.S. Air Forces in Europe initiative, the family support center is giving away vouchers for free minor car maintenance. Vouchers are available for the families of deployed servicemembers. For more information call the FSC at 6-6755.

The auto skills center is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and provides a variety of automotive needs as well as key duplication and towing services. April's monthly special is a summerize package including cooling system flush, air conditioning service, and a belts and hoses check. Prices vary according to vehicle type, visit for quote. For more information, call 6-6655.



## AT THE MOVIES

### At the Oasis

#### Today

**Along Came Polly (PG-13)** – Starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. Reuben's best-laid plans for life and love career wildly off track when his bride dumps him on their honeymoon. Stunned and humiliated, Reuben plans to play it safer than ever. But an encounter with a childhood friend named Polly shoots him into a whirlwind of living in the moment activities. Showing at 7 p.m. (90 minutes)



#### Saturday



**Torque (PG-13)** – Starring Ice Cube and Jay Hernandez. A motorcycle racer is framed for murder

by his long-time nemesis and a gang member, bringing the most notorious biker gang and its leader, Trey, after him for revenge, with the FBI not far behind in pursuit of all of them. Showing at 5 p.m. (87 minutes)

**Big Fish (PG-13)** – Starring Ewan McGregor and Albert Finney. Edward is a braggart who always exaggerates his exploits and experiences after he left a small town in Alabama for adventures near and far. Nearly everyone has been spellbound



by Edward's terrific tall tales over the years. Everyone but his estranged son, who has come home to take care of his dying dad and separate fact from fiction. Showing at 7 p.m. (110 minutes)

#### Sunday

**Chasing Liberty (PG-13)** – Starring Mandy Moore and Matthew Goode. Pop star Anna Foster, the daughter of the President James Foster, anxious for some breathing room, ditches her secret security detail. She sets out across Europe with her boyfriend Ben. Showing at 7 p.m. (91 minutes)



#### Thursday

**House of Sand and Fog (R)** – Starring Jennifer Connelly and Ben Kingsley. Massoud,



despite a pretense of continued affluence, is barely making ends meet until he sees his opportunity in the

auction of a house being sold for back taxes. It is a terrible mistake. The house has been improperly seized from its rightful owner, and she decides to fight to recover her home at any cost. Showing at 7 p.m. (126 minutes)

### At the M1

**The Human Stain (R)** — 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight (106 minutes)

**Along Came Polly (PG-13)** — 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (90 minutes)

**Invasion of the Barbarians (R)** — 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (99 minutes)

**Freddy vs. Jason (R)** — 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (97 minutes)

**Runaway Jury (PG-13)** — 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (125 minutes)

**Something's Gotta Give (PG-13)** — 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (128 minutes)

For more information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140. The provision of movie information does not constitute an endorsement by the 39th Air Base Wing, U.S. government, Department of Defense or Department of the U.S. Air Force. For more information, call the theater at 6-6986.